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**OBEY AT UW - STEVENS POINT FOR BRIEFING
ON SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

STEVENS POINT, WI - Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) was on campus today at UW-Stevens Point for a briefing on how the University plans to use \$1.4 million in federal funds that he secured in the omnibus appropriations bill that was signed into law recently to help establish the Wisconsin Institute for Sustainable Technology (WIST).

"Central Wisconsin has a lot of people working at the cutting edge of forestry, paper science and energy independence. WIST is intended to bring those people together and help make the state a leader in developing sustainable technologies and, we hope, new jobs," Obey said. "I'm glad we were able to get some money to help get this institute off the ground, and I'm happy to be here today to see things firsthand."

Specializing in applied science research and development, WIST is intended to provide state-of-the-art education to students in industrial sciences, engineering and natural resources, while helping develop and apply sustainable technology solutions to real-world problems with research focused on paper science and nanotechnology, biomass, biofuels and bio-refineries, soil and water resources, air and water resources.

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